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Letter dated 19 October 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 19 October 2007, addressed to you by Kemal Gökeri, Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 22, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Baki **İlkin**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex to the letter dated 19 October 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of the Turkish Cypriot revised package of proposals on confidence-building measures, which was submitted to you on 16 October 2007, at your meeting with Mehmet Ali Talat, President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

I would be grateful if the text on the confidence-building measures could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 22, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) M. Kemal **Gökeri**
Representative
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

Enclosure

Turkish Cypriot revised package of proposals on confidence-building measures

16 October 2007

The Turkish Cypriot side remains committed to the efforts to seek a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem under the auspices of the good offices mission of the United Nations Secretary-General. To this end, we believe that the initiation of certain confidence-building measures will be conducive to preparing the ground for the start of full-fledged negotiations aimed at a comprehensive settlement.

In our letter dated 6 July 2006, we proposed the following confidence-building measures:

1. **Deconfrontation**: to enter into intensive discussions with the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) with a view to extending the 1989 Unmanning Agreement to cover those areas of the buffer zone where the two sides are in close proximity to each other, on the basis of the updated proposals submitted by UNFICYP in June 1996.

2. **Military exercises**: the military authorities on both sides to refrain from conducting any military exercise involving mechanized and battle tank companies along and within sight or hearing range of the buffer zone. We propose that this zone extend 1.5 kilometres to the north and to the south of the buffer zone.

3. **Lokmacı (Ledra Street) crossing point**: cooperation with UNFICYP, with a view to completing the opening of the crossing point at Lokmacı. The Turkish Cypriot side is prepared for, and has indeed proposed, the opening of the crossing point by following the same procedures as in the other crossing points opened to date. There should be no preconditions for the opening of the crossing point.

4. **Reconciliation Commission**: with a forward-looking and future-oriented mandate, the establishment of a Reconciliation Commission to promote understating, tolerance and mutual respect between Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots. The Reconciliation Commission shall be composed of an equal number of Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots.

Further to these measures, we propose the following additional confidence-building measures:

5. **New crossing points and passages**:

   After the opening of the Lokmaci crossing point:

   (a) opening of the Yeşilırmak (Limnitis) crossing point;

   (b) ensuring free passage to and from Erenköy (Kokkina).

   This confidence-building item presumes that the long-pending issue of the Yiğitler (Arsos)-Pile (Pyla) road will be concluded without further delay. The Turkish Cypriot side is of the view that in this particular issue there has been a long-standing injustice in the treatment of the two sides

by the United Nations. As is known, UNFICYP has given its permission for the completion of the Voroklini (Voraglini)-Pile (Pyla) road, providing an important facility to the Greek Cypriots of Pile. Objection to a similar facility to the Turkish Cypriot inhabitants of the village continues to put them in a disadvantaged situation, compared to the Greek Cypriots of Pile.

6. **Cooperation through UNFICYP**: taking into consideration the reluctance of the Greek Cypriot side to cooperate with the Turkish Cypriot side on issues of mutual concern, UNFICYP would serve as a facilitator on areas that require cooperation between the two sides on equal footing, including transboundary issues such as human trafficking and human smuggling, narcotics and crime.